

**JUDICIAL COUNCIL
OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

**IN RE COMPLAINT OF
JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT**

No. 16-90069

ORDER

THOMAS, Chief Judge:

Complainant alleges that a magistrate judge improperly denied his motions to terminate his federal public defender and should have appointed new counsel. These claims relate directly to the merits of the judge's rulings and must therefore be dismissed. See 28 U.S.C. § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii); In re Charge of Judicial Misconduct, 685 F.2d 1226, 1227 (9th Cir. Jud. Council 1982); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(c)(1)(B).

Complainant's allegations against his attorney are dismissed because this misconduct complaint procedure applies only to federal judges. See Judicial-Conduct Rule 4.

Complainant's request for an FBI investigation is not a form of relief available under this misconduct complaint procedure. See 28 U.S.C. § 354(a)(2); Judicial-Conduct Rule 11(a).

DISMISSED.